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PRESS RELEASE

PHILADELPHIA – United States Attorney Patrick L. Meehan today announced the filing of a superseding information charging Sadallah Ahmad, Jamal M. Ahmad, and Mohamad A. Mohamad with conspiracy to commit tax fraud and filing false tax returns.¹ The charges arise out of the defendants' operation of the Cousins Food Markets, a supermarket chain with three locations in Philadelphia. The information alleges that the defendants employed an "under-the-table" cash payroll at the stores and skimmed cash from the store's receipts. The information alleges that the defendants failed to report both the payroll taxes due on the wages and the income taxes due on the skimmed receipts. It is further alleged that the defendants intentionally failed to pay payroll taxes on approximately \$3.6 million in wages and skimmed approximately \$7.7 million from the store's receipts.

One of the owners of the stores, Kheirallah Ahmad, previously pleaded guilty to similar charges and is awaiting sentencing.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE
Sadallah Ahmad	Phila., PA	45 years old
Jamal M. Ahmad	Phila., PA	65 years old
Mohamad A. Mohamad	Phila., PA	42 years old

If convicted the defendants face a maximum possible sentence of eight years imprisonment, three years supervised release, a \$500,000 fine, a \$200 special assessment, and payment of all taxes, penalties, and interest.

The case was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Richard J. Zack and Michael J. Bresnick.

¹ An information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

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